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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *05 June 2006*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,2 and 5-16* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1,2,5-16* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 05 June 2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2 and 5-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

3. The applicant argued in substance the newly added limitations of the pending claims. However, the new grounds teach these and the added features. See rejections below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

5. Claims 1, 2, 5-13, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yao et al. (2003/0084219) and Satou et al. (5,717,946).

6. As per claim 1, Yao et al. teaches a system for enabling communication between a first network having a first network protocol and a second network having a second network protocol, the second network being a storage area network (see Yao et al., ¶ 4), said system comprising: a first data port for receiving first input data and first state information from said first network, said first input data being expressed in said first network protocol (see Yao et al., ¶ 6); a second data port for receiving second input data and second state information from said second network, said second input data being expressed in said second network protocol (see Yao et al., ¶ 26); a first translation system configured to translate said second input data into corresponding data expressed in said first network protocol on the basis of said first state information, the first a translation system including one or more translation devices configured to cooperate in translating said second input data into corresponding data expressed in said first network protocol (see Yao et al., ¶ 30); a second translation system configured to translate said first input data into corresponding data expressed in said second network protocol on the basis of said second state information, the second translation system including, one or more translation devices configured to cooperate in translating said first input data into corresponding data expressed in said second network protocol (see Yao et al., ¶ 150). But fails to teach microsequencer systems including one or more microsequencers; and an instruction memory accessible to each of the microsequencers of the first and second microsequencer systems, said instruction memory having a plurality of instruction words, each of said instruction words forming a Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW) having a plurality of instruction fields executable in

parallel by different functional units of each of the microsequencers to enable the microsequencers to execute a plurality of instructions in a single instruction cycle. However, Satou et al. teaches a microsequencer system (see Satou et al., col. 24, lines 13-20); an instruction memory accessible to the microsequencer of the microsequencer system, said instruction memory having a plurality of instruction words (see Satou et al., col. 57, lines 18-23), each of said instruction words forming a Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW) having a plurality of instruction fields executable in parallel by different functional units of the microsequencer (see Satou et al., col. 37, lines 29-44) to enable the microsequencer to execute a plurality of instructions in a single instruction cycle (see Satou et al., col. 34, lines 20-28). Although Satou et al. does not explicitly state using a plurality of microsequencer systems including one or more microsequencers, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the feature of using a plurality of microsequencer systems including one or more microsequencers since Yao et al. teaches a plurality of translation systems including one or more translation devices (see Yao et al., ¶ 50). Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yao et al. to microsequencer systems including one or more microsequencers; and an instruction memory accessible to each of the microsequencers of the first and second microsequencer systems, said instruction memory having a plurality of instruction words, each of said instruction words forming a Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW) having a plurality of instruction fields executable in parallel by different functional units of each of the microsequencers to enable the

microsequencers to execute a plurality of instructions in a single instruction cycle in order to efficiently execute instructions, therefore enabling the data string and bit map data to be executed quickly even when a low-cost slow memory system is connected thereto (see Satou et al., abstract).

7. Claims 2 and 5-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yao et al. and Satou et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Radogna et al. (5,991,299).

8. As per claim 2, Yao et al. and Satou et al. teach the mentioned limitations of claim 1 above but fail to teach a system, wherein said first and second microsequencer systems comprise at least one programmable microsequencer. However, Radogna et al. teaches a system, wherein said first and second microsequencer systems comprise at least one programmable microsequencer (see Radogna et al., col. 6, lines 19-36). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yao et al. and Satou et al. to a system, wherein said first and second microsequencer systems comprise at least one programmable microsequencer in order to control the movement of frames from an input FIFO to an output FIFO and also to control appropriate header translations as the frames are moved from the input (see Radogna et al., col. 2, lines 10-14).

9. As per claims 5-13, the above-mentioned motivation of claim 2 applies fully in order to combine Yao et al., Satou et al. and Radogna et al.

10. As per claim 5, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach an instruction-memory pointer for identifying a selected instruction word in said instruction memory (see Radogna et al., col. 6, lines 7-11).

11. As per claim 6, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, further comprising a translation-memory accessible to each of the microsequencers of said first and second microsequencer systems, said translation-memory having a translation-memory address, and a translation-memory element corresponding to said translation-memory address, said translation-memory element including data for causing an instruction-memory pointer to jump to a selected instruction word (see Radogna et al., col. 9, lines 22-27).

12. As per claim 7, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, wherein said translation-memory element is configured to include an absolute address of said selected instruction word (see Radogna et al., col. 9, line 29-col. 10, line 33).

13. As per claim 8, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, wherein said translation-memory element is configured to include an offset from a current instruction word to said selected instruction word (see Radogna et al., col. 9, line 29-col. 10, line 33).

14. As per claim 9, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, further comprising a translation-memory pointer for indirectly causing said instruction-memory pointer to jump to a selected instruction-memory address (see Radogna et al., col. 8, line 58-col. 9, line 5).

15. As per claim 10, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, wherein said translation-memory pointer is configured to identify a selected translation-memory address corresponding to a translation-memory element that contains data indicative of said selected instruction-memory address (see Radogna et al., col. 8, line 58-col. 9, line 5).

16. As per claim 11, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, further comprising a translation-memory having: a translation-memory address; a first translation-memory element corresponding to said translation-memory address, said first translation-memory element including data for causing an instruction-memory pointer to jump to a first instruction word (see Radogna et al., col. 9, lines 22-27); a second translation-memory element corresponding to said translation-memory address, said second translation-memory element including data for causing said instruction-memory pointer to jump to a second instruction word (see Radogna et al., col. 15, line 65-col. 16, line 15); and a selector for selecting said first translation-memory element (see Radogna et al., col. 9, line 29-col. 10, line 33).

17. As per claim 12, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, wherein said selector comprises a multiplexer having a first multiplexer input for receiving data indicative of content of said first translation-memory element; a second multiplexer input for receiving data indicative of content of said second translation-memory element (see Radogna et al., col. 5, lines 50-64); an output providing data selected from at least said first multiplexer input and said second multiplexer input; and

a control input for controlling data provided at said output (see Radogna et al., col. 9, line 29-col. 10, line 33).

18. As per claim 13, Radogna et al., Yao et al., and Satou et al. teach a system, further comprising an output port in communication with said second microsequencer system for providing said corresponding data to said second network (see Radogna et al., col. 12, lines 27-41).

19. As per claim 15, Yao et al. teaches a system for enabling communication between a first network having a first network protocol and a second network having a second network protocol (see Yao et al., ¶ 4), said system comprising: a first input port for receiving input data from said first network (see Yao et al., 6); a second input port for receiving state information associated with said first network (see Yao et al., ¶ 26); first and second processing elements in communication with said first and second input ports (see Yao et al., ¶ 30); one of the processing elements for translating input data from said first network protocol to said second network protocol, and the other for translating input data from said second network protocol to said first network protocol (see Yao et al., ¶ 50); a system to translate input data from said first network protocol to said second network protocol or from said second network protocol to said first network protocol (see Yao et al., ¶ 62). But fails to teach an instruction memory accessible to said first and second processing elements, said instruction memory having a plurality of instruction words, each of said instruction words forming a Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW) having a plurality of instruction fields executable in parallel by different cooperating functional units of the first and second processing elements to enable the

processing element to execute a plurality of instructions in a single instruction cycle; an instruction-memory pointer for identifying a selected instruction word in said instruction memory. However, Satou et al. teaches an instruction memory accessible to processing element, said instruction memory having a plurality of instruction words (see Satou et al., col. 10, lines 37-49), each of said instruction words forming a Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW) having a plurality of instruction fields executable in parallel by different cooperating functional units of the processing element (see Satou et al., col. 37, lines 29-44) to enable the processing element to execute a plurality of instructions in a single instruction cycle (see Satou et al., col. 34, lines 20-28); an instruction-memory pointer for identifying a selected instruction word in said instruction memory (see Satou et al., col. 12, lines 14-22). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yao et al. to an instruction memory accessible to processing element, said instruction memory having a plurality of instruction words, each of said instruction words forming a Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW) having a plurality of instruction fields executable in parallel by different cooperating functional units of the processing element to enable the processing element to execute a plurality of instructions in a single instruction cycle; an instruction-memory pointer for identifying a selected instruction word in said instruction memory in order to efficiently execute instructions, therefore enabling the data string and bit map data to be executed quickly even when a low-cost slow memory system is connected thereto (see Satou et al., abstract).

20. Claims 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yao et al. and Satou et al. as applied to claims 1 and 15 above, and further in view of Muller et al. (6,453,360).

21. As per claim 14, Yao et al. and Satou et al. teach the mentioned limitations of claim 1 above but fail to teach a system, wherein said first and second data ports and said first and second microsequencer systems are integrated into one integrated circuit. However, Muller et al. teaches a system, wherein said first and second data ports and said first and second microsequencer systems are integrated into one integrated circuit (see Muller et al., col. 8, lines 10-20). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yao et al. and Satou et al. to a system, wherein said first and second data ports and said first and second microsequencer systems are integrated into one integrated circuit in order to increase the efficiency of handling network traffic (see Muller et al., col. 4, lines 21-31).

22. As per claim 16, Yao et al. and Satou et al. teach the mentioned limitations of claim 15 above but fail to teach a system wherein said first and second processing elements are selected from the group consisting of: a micro-processor; and an application-specific integrated circuit. However, Muller et al. teaches a system wherein said first and second processing elements are selected from the group consisting of: a micro-processor; and an application-specific integrated circuit (see Muller et al., col. 8, lines 10-20 and col. 24, lines 12-25). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yao et al. and Satou et al. to a system wherein said first and second processing elements are selected from the group

consisting of: a micro-processor; and an application-specific integrated circuit in order to capitalize on the increased processor resources that are available in multi-processor computer systems (see Muller et al., col. 3, lines 29-42).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ranodhi Serrao whose telephone number is (571)272-7967. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571)272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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